



Upcoming Dates

MARCH

Fri 8th
7/8 Volleyball
7/8 Tennis

Mon 11th
Student Free Day

Wed 13th-25th
NAPLAN

Mon 18th
School Photo's

Thurs 28th
School cross Country

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Want to be on College Council???

Our college council are a wonderful group of parents and staff who come together each month to discuss the college and ways in which to consistently try to improve outcomes for our students. We will likely be seeking at least 2 nominations for parent representatives to join council in April and I ask that any parent who is interested in joining council, reach out to the college or to a college council member asap. I have nomination forms which I am able to share with those who are interested and I am more than happy to chat with any interested parents with regards to what the role of a college council member involves.

College Photos— ** Monday March 18th **

This years college photos will be held on Monday March 18th, with class and family photos being taken predominately before recess. All students are asked to attend in full school uniform on the day.

Photo's are to be ordered online this year via the following link—

<http://the-loft-studio-bendigo.myshopify.com/>

The preferred order closing date is Friday March 15th, with any orders after this date likely incurring a delayed delivery and potential \$10 fee for postage and handling.

Please note that families must complete an individual order for each of their children.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews—Thankyou!

It was great to see so many parents and carers at this weeks Parent Teacher Student Interviews. We really appreciate the effort that people have made in getting along in person or taking the time to chat over the phone. Families who were not able to make it along on Wednesday are encouraged to call or email their child's teachers. It is extremely important that the school, the student and the family are all on the same page with education and expectations.

College Council will discuss these interviews at next week's meeting. Please forward any feedback to a council member before then.

Upcoming School Review—Feedback Please

Our college will be undertaking a whole school review in term 3 and as part of this process, we will be seeking feedback from a range of sources both in the lead-up to the review, and during the actual review itself. Those who attended this weeks Parent teacher Student Interviews may have noticed the feedback sheets that were available. I would like to express thanks to all who were able to complete these and encourage any other parents or carers to answer the following questions both openly and honestly. If you could take the time to do this on a piece of paper and then have yourself or your child submit the paper to the letterbox in the college office, then I would be most appreciative.

The questions are as follows -

- 1—What does East Loddon P-12 College do really well?
- 2—What could East Loddon P-12 College do better?
- 3—If you were Principal for a day, what would you do/ change?
- 4—Any other comments or 'Shout Out's to individuals or teams at the college?...

College Uniform

It has been great to see so many students in full school uniform and the feedback regarding our new uniform items has been very positive. Almost all items of uniform are available from Noone in Bendigo, and families are also able to 'click and collect' items from their website. The college office also now has a number of new college hats (both wide-brim and legionnaires) for sale.

2024 Naplan Testing

I would like to wish all of our years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students the very best for the Naplan testing period which starts next Wednesday 13th March. All that we ask is for students to do their best during the testing period, and to allow all others to do their best as well.

Steve Leed—College Principal

We are excited to introduce SpellEx this year in our grade 3 and 4 classrooms. It is a comprehensive whole-class spelling program designed to equip our students with a solid understanding of the English spelling system. Developed by MultiLit, SpellEx aims to empower students to become excellent spellers by enhancing their phonological, orthographic, and morphological knowledge. SpellEx is specifically tailored for students from Year 3 onwards. It offers explicit instruction in spelling concepts, terminology, rules, and conventions. Through carefully scripted lessons and a variety of supplementary resources, our teachers can confidently guide students towards mastering English orthography in a developmentally appropriate manner. At the heart of SpellEx is Stella the Super Speller, a friendly character who accompanies students on an engaging journey towards spelling success. Stella's presence adds an element of fun and excitement to the learning process, as she shares insider tips and strategies to help students become super spellers themselves. By participating in SpellEx, our students will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions when spelling words. This proficiency will not only benefit their writing across all curriculum areas but also foster confidence and independence in their language abilities. We believe that investing in SpellEx will provide our students with a strong foundation in spelling, setting them up for academic success and lifelong literacy skills. and proficient spellers!



**Happy Birthday
Marlen**



Yesterday we held our first Parent Teacher Student Interviews for the year. This is a process that we tinker with each time they run and though it never hits perfection, I think we have it running pretty well.

For those wondering, unlike most schools, we try and fit interviews into a time that does not disrupt the entire day, nor become a student free day. This is hopefully more convenient for parents. The next interview day will be on a different day of the week, so that part time staff who don't work Wednesdays can talk to you and also parents that are unavailable Wednesdays may be a chance on a different day.

Our SRC has a bit of a new flavour this year. They have already sorted major fundraisers for the year and seem to be busy around

the school. Some went to a day held at Boort P12 last week to learn about 'student voice'. Their term 1 Fundraiser is in aid of the Good Friday Appeal. QR codes on posters have been placed around the college and will probably be attached to this or future newsletters, so that you can donate from your phone, or your watch or whatever fancy new way we now have of spending without thinking. *(Sorry, but back in the good old days, we would go door to door, through the streets of my Long Gully neighbourhood, asking for kind people to donate spare change. We didn't even have shoes! We crawled some years because we were so tired. Over smashed glass mind you etc etc Nowadays its just zap and money is donated.)* At any rate the SRC have set a target of \$2000

from our community, which is gettable I think. If you wish to donate online, do it via our QR code. If you want to donate cash, please place money in a labelled envelope and send it to the office.

We launch into a long weekend this weekend which is awesome, unless you love work like me. Coming up in the next few weeks we have school photos on the 18th of March, 9/10 sports days and an Outdoor Ed canoe camp 20-22 March. From there its not long until the end of term. Boom.

Footy is back on tonight and like most years, I can't wait. I love cricket and tennis, but it's really not the same is it. Good luck if you are in the finals for cricket, tennis, footy, basketball etc over the weekend.

Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the families who were able to attend interviews on Wednesday. It is always great to sit and talk about your child to see how they are going, and how we can help. Please reach out if you were unable to make a time, but would like one.

EASTER HAT PARADE

One of our favourite P4 events is happening on the last day of term. The Easter Hat Parade is exactly what it sounds like; an opportunity for students to make some fantastic hats, and show them off in a parade! Our Art teachers are kindly preparing some kits to go home so all students are able to participate. Families are welcome to come and watch the parade which will be held first thing in the morning.

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Our Grade 4 students have had the chance to be a part of our SRC committee. Last year, students presented speeches explaining why they would like to be a part of SRC. With this, we had some SRC Representatives who will speak in our regular P4 assemblies. Those students who were voted are Dustin B, Ashlyn W, and Ruby H. Well done to these students. We hope you enjoy the challenge of speaking in front of our sub-school and taking on some new challenges this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPLAN—Grade 3 students—Wednesday 13th March, Friday 16th March, Tuesday 19th March, Wednesday 20th March.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY—28th March



SCIENCE RULES!

who remain at school will combine into one class and run on an alternative timetable for the day.

Wednesday will be the start of NAPLAN for our Year 5 and 7 students. All students will need access to headphones for these tests. Please send in a set of headphones if your child doesn't have a pair to use here at school. Students using their own set of headphones for the test allows for these sessions to run more smoothly.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend!

Middle

It was great to see so many Middle Years families here for Parent-Teacher interviews yesterday afternoon. These opportunities provide a great chance for teachers and parents to touch base at the start of the year. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns throughout the term.

Tomorrow we will be sending Year 7/8 tennis and volleyball teams to compete in Bendigo. Those Year 7/8

Senior

Dear Parents/Carers, THANK YOU!!!

It was so nice to see students taking their parents around the College for interviews yesterday. I really enjoy talking to parents and love being able to share stories and snippets of information about how students are progressing in class. Thanks for taking the time to come into school or chatting via phone. Thanks also to parents that responded to my contact with checking in re appointments or updates on your child's progress.

Y9 Morrisby testing underway

Our Y9 students commenced their Morrisby testing yesterday whilst the interviews were taking place. Students had to complete a series of questions and aptitude tests relating to themselves, their interests, likes, dislikes. In the end a glossy magazine is produced about the student. With a whole lot of information about their strengths and the sorts of industries and careers they may be suited to. Angela (Careers Co) was impressed with the students participation and focus. Go Y9!!!

Y10 & 11 Occupational Health & Safety Modules

Meanwhile during interviews our Y10 & Y11 students completed the exciting online Occupational Health & Safety requirements for their upcoming work experience June 24th to 28th. Again, Angela was really impressed with the students level of engagement and productivity. Well done!!!

Y12 Chemistry excursion

Brodie and Alex travelled with Mrs Johns (thanks) to participate in a practical experiment about half cells and circuits with students from their small group partnership.

Buon compleanno Marly

Wishing Marly (Y12) Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday Laela Y9 today too.

Enjoy the long weekend
Labour Day holiday.



Secondary Sandhurst

Swimming

What a day our students had at The Bendigo Aquatic Centre! Congratulations to all students who competed against the Sandhurst division schools. Well done to Gus A and Marley A for receiving age champions!

We had a number of students place 1st and 2nd, they will be competing in the LMR in Swan Hill on Tuesday: Ava M, Marley A, Gus A, Keira T, Georgia P, Kyen M, Ruby C, Lucy P. We wish them all the best racing against schools in the Loddon Mallee Region.

Primary Division Swimming

Carnival

On Monday we sent selected primary school students to Bendigo East Swimming Pool to swim against students in the Sandhurst Division. All students competed with enthusiasm and we had some excellent results. Well done to Jack H, Billie A, Reese P, Ruby H and Leni F who will travel to Swan Hill to compete against primary school in the Loddon Mallee Region. Good Luck!

Friday March 8

Tomorrow selected students will travel to Bendigo to compete in either Volleyball or Tennis, students are to wear their PE tops and black shorts.

Friday March 15

Selected students in year 9 and 10 will attend the Sandhurst Secondary Intermediate sports day to compete in Volleyball or tennis. Consent and payment can now be completed on Compass.

School swimming

Students in year 7-10 finally finished their school swimming program today. By all reports student had a great day learning survival techniques.

SRC NEWS

During the past couple of SRC meetings we have been outlining various events and plans for the year and have decided on the first one being the Good Friday Appeal. There will be a gold coin donation for a casual clothes day on the last day of term, Thursday 28th of March (also our Cross Country day), where all proceeds will go towards the Good Friday Appeal. However, our fundraising efforts are not limited to this day. Our school has registered with the Good Friday Appeal to be a fundraising point, meaning you can scan the QR code on our poster in this news-letter and donate to this life-saving cause through our fundraising team. We are confident that everyone has some sort of story related to the Royal Children's Hospital over the years, and we wanted to do something to thank them and the work they continue to do for all of us. Please encourage your friends, family, neighbours, and community to donate through our link, and together we can do something amazing and support the Royal Children's Hospital. Thank you!

Written by Charlize Sinclair

EAST LODDON P-12 COLLEGE
SRC TERM 1 FUNDRAISER

PLEASE DONATE HERE!

East Loddon College and wider community would like to show our appreciation and support to the Royal Children's Hospital for their outstanding work.

The Good Friday Appeal relies on the support of the community to raise funds to ensure that The Royal Children's Hospital is able to continue to provide world class care to patients and their families. From 2022 to 2023 at The Royal Children's Hospital: 90,260 patients presented to the Emergency Department, 50,345 children and young people were admitted to a ward, 407,563 children and young people attended an outpatient appointment, and 14,963 patients underwent surgery. So please help by giving whatever you are able to this fundraiser and help spread the word by sharing this page with your friends, family and networks. Thank you for your generosity, it means a lot!

Canteen

Fri 8th		2024 March	
	Bec Cullen Lisa Twigg		
Mon 11th	Labour Day No School	Mon 18th	Anna Osborne
Tues 12th	Sue Pickles	Tues 19th	Sue Pickles
Wed 13th	Nicky Lawry	Wed 20th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 14th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 21st	Sue Pickles
Fri 15th	Sam Ellis Shan Ralphs	Fri 22nd	Kristie Cullinan Miranda Smith